

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

KATE REID and MEGAN HEENEY, As)
Next Friends of A.O.A., M.C.A., Y.C.A.,)
A.C.C., D.R.G., J.R.G., S.A.L., J.P.Q.M.,)
and B.Q.M.,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

Case No. 4:11-CV-44-CDP

THE DOE RUN RESOURCES)
CORPORATION, D.R. ACQUISITION)
CORP., MARVIN K. KAISER,)
ALBERT BRUCE NEIL, JEFFERY L.)
ZELMS, THEODORE P. FOX III,)
DANIEL L. VORNBERG, THE RENCO)
GROUP, INC., RENCO HOLDINGS,)
INC., AND IRA L. RENNERT,)

Defendants.)

**ANSWER OF DEFENDANT RENCO HOLDINGS, INC. TO
PLAINTIFFS' PETITION FOR DAMAGES**

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12, Defendant Renco Holdings, Inc. ("Defendant") hereby answers Plaintiffs' Petition for Damages ("Petition"). Unless hereinafter specifically admitted, Defendant denies each and every allegation within the Petition, and further denies that Plaintiffs are entitled to the relief sought therein. Defendant responds to the allegations of Plaintiffs' Petition as follows:

1. Defendant admits that Plaintiffs bring this action, but deny that Plaintiffs are entitled to the relief sought. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 1.

THE PLAINTIFFS

2. Defendant admits that the Circuit Court for the City of St. Louis entered an Order appointing Sister Kate Reid and Megan Heeney as Next Friends of Plaintiffs. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 2.

3. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 3, and so denies the same.

4. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 4, and so denies the same.

THE DEFENDANTS

5. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 5, and so denies the same.

6. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 6, and so denies the same.

7. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 7, and so denies the same.

8. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 4, and so denies the same.

9. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 9, and so denies the same.

10. Defendant admits the allegations of the first sentence of paragraph 10. Defendant denies the allegations of the second sentence of paragraph 10 with respect to Defendant Renco Holdings, Inc. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of paragraph 10, and so denies the same.

11. Defendant admits that Ira L. Rennert is a resident of the City of New York, State of New York and that he is and was a director and officer of each of Renco Group, Inc., Renco Holdings, Inc., and that The Renco Group, Inc. is the ultimate owner of Renco Holdings, Inc. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of paragraph 11, and so denies the same.

12. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 12, and so denies the same.

13. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 13, and so denies the same.

14. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 14, and so denies the same.

15. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 15, and so denies the same.

16. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 15, and so denies the same.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

17. Defendant admits that jurisdiction is proper in this Court pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 203 and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1332 and that venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 9 U.S.C. § 205 and 28 U.S.C. § 1391. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 17.

ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

18. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 18, and so denies the same.

19. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 19, and so denies the same.

20. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 20, and so denies the same.

21. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 21, and so denies the same.

22. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 22, and so denies the same.

23. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 23, and so denies the same.

24. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 24, and so denies the same.

FURTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THE DEFENDANTS

25. Defendant denies that it purchased the La Oroya metallurgical complex. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of paragraph 25, and so denies the same.

26. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 26, and so denies the same.

27. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 27.

28. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 28, and so denies the same.

29. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 29.

30. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 29, and so denies the same.

31. Defendant admits that Ira L. Rennert serves as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Renco Group, Inc. and is the Chairman of Renco Holdings, Inc. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of paragraph 31, and so denies the same.

32. Defendant admits that Defendant Renco Group, Inc. and Renco Holdings, Inc. are corporations organized and existing by virtue of law. Defendant denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 32.

33. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 33.

34. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 34.

35. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 35.

36. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 36.

37. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 37.

COUNT I

38. Defendant incorporates by reference its responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 - 37.

39. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 39.

40. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 40.

41. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 41.

- 42. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 42.
- 43. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 43.
- 44. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 44.
- 45. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 45.

COUNT II

- 46. Defendant incorporates by reference its responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 - 45.

- 47. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 47.
- 48. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 48.
- 49. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 49.
- 50. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 50.
- 51. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 51.
- 52. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 52.

COUNT III

- 53. Defendant incorporates by reference its responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 - 52.

- 54. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 54.
- 55. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 55.
- 56. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 56.
- 57. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 57.
- 58. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 58.

COUNT IV

59. Defendant incorporates by reference its responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 - 58.

60. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 60, and so denies the same.

61. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 61, and so denies the same.

62. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 62, and so denies the same.

63. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 63, and so denies the same.

64. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations of paragraph 64, and so denies the same.

65. Defendant admits that Ira L. Rennert was and is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Renco Group, Inc. and the Chairman of Renco Holdings, Inc. Defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the remaining allegations of paragraph 65, and so denies the same.

66. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 66.

67. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 67.

68. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 68.

69. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 69.

COUNT V

70. Defendant incorporates by reference its responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 - 69.

71. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 71.

72. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 72.

73. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 73.

74. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 74.

75. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 75.

76. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 76.

COUNT VI

77. Defendant incorporates by reference its responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 - 76.

78. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 78.

79. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 79.

80. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 80.

81. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 81.

82. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 82.

COUNT VII

83. Defendant incorporates by reference its responses to the allegations of paragraphs 1 - 82.

84. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 84.

85. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 85.

86. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 86.

87. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 87.
88. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 88.
89. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 89.
90. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 90.
91. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 91.
92. Defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 92.

WHEREFORE, Defendant, having fully answered the Petition, requests that the Court deny the relief sought by Plaintiffs' in the Petition, that the Plaintiffs take nothing, that the Court award Defendant its fees and costs of defending this action, and that the Court award Defendant such other relief as is reasonable and appropriate.

AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES

While continuing to deny the material allegations of Plaintiffs' Petition, Defendant asserts the following affirmative and other defenses:

1. Plaintiffs' Petition, and each and every count thereof, fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
2. Plaintiffs' Petition fails to state a claim for conspiracy upon which relief can be granted in that, under the law, affiliates, officers, and directors cannot conspire with each other.
3. The violations of any regulations cited by Plaintiffs do not provide the basis for private causes of action.
4. Plaintiffs' claims are barred or limited to the extent that they are based upon any theory providing for liability without proof of fault or causation.
5. Plaintiffs' Petition, and each and every count thereof, is barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

6. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of assumption of risk.

7. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrines of release, accord and satisfaction, res judicata, collateral estoppel, laches, estoppel, and/or waiver.

8. Plaintiffs' named next friends lack standing or capacity to sue on behalf of the Plaintiffs in this case.

9. Plaintiffs' named next friends' authority to represent Plaintiffs has expired, to the extent Plaintiffs have reached the age of majority.

10. Plaintiffs are not entitled to an award of attorneys' fees.

11. Plaintiffs are barred from recovery to the extent that they have failed to mitigate damages, if any.

12. Defendant denies any negligence on Defendants' part. By way of further defense to Plaintiffs' claims, Defendant states as to one or more of the named Plaintiffs, under the doctrines of contributory negligence and comparative fault, any right of recovery Plaintiffs might otherwise have is barred in whole or in part by their failure to exercise ordinary care for their own health, safety, and protection of their property.

13. At all relevant times, the Defendant complied with all applicable laws, regulations, policies and standards.

14. Defendant denies the existence of any duty to Plaintiffs. If any duty is found to have existed, Defendant denies violating any duty owed to Plaintiffs.

15. If Plaintiffs sustained any damages or injury, the alleged damage and injury complained of was due to unavoidable circumstances and from causes beyond the control or fault of Defendant.

16. Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part because Plaintiff's alleged exposure to lead or other allegedly toxic or harmful substances resulted from sources other than those allegedly stemming from the actions of Defendant.

17. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of intervening cause or superseding cause, and any damages that Plaintiffs may have sustained were caused in whole or in part by actions of independent third parties, including, but not limited to, the Republic of Perú, Empresa Minera del Centro Del Peru S.A. (Centromin Peru S.A.), and Activos Mineros S.A.C.

18. Plaintiffs have failed to join parties that are necessary and indispensable under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 19.

19. In the event that Defendant is found liable to Plaintiffs, which liability is expressly denied, Defendant will be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or apportionment from other parties pursuant to applicable law.

20. In the event that the domestic law of the United States and/or the State of Missouri is found to apply to Plaintiffs' claims for punitive damages (Defendant at all times denying that such laws are applicable or controlling as to such claims), such claims by Plaintiffs are barred in whole or in part because an award of punitive damages would violate Defendant's procedural and substantive due process rights and equal protection rights under the Fifth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and Article 1, §§ 2, 10, 19 and 21 of the Missouri Constitution. In particular, any law purporting to permit the recovery of punitive damages in this case is unconstitutional, both on its face and as applied in this case in that said law, among other things: (1) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards to guide and restrain a jury's discretion in determining whether to award punitive damages and in determining the

amount of any punitive award; (2) unconstitutionally may permit jury consideration of Defendants' net worth; (3) is void for vagueness in that it fails to afford constitutionally sufficient advance notice as to what conduct will result in punitive sanctions; (4) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards to be applied by the trial court in post-verdict review of a punitive award; (5) lacks constitutionally sufficient standards for appellate review of a punitive award; and (6) otherwise fails to satisfy the constitutional requirements set forth in, among others, *State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co. v. Campbell*, 538 U.S. 408 (2003); *Pacific Mutual Life Ins. Co. v. Haslip*, 499 U.S.1 (1991); *TXO Production Corp. v. Alliance Resources, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 443 (1993); and *BMW of North America, Inc. v. Gore*, 116 S.Ct. 1589 (1996).

21. Should any other party effect a settlement of one or more of the claims asserted in this action, Defendant is entitled, as a credit against any judgment herein, to the setoff required by Mo. Rev. Stat. § 537.060 (Defendant at all times denying that Missouri law is applicable or controlling) in the stipulated amount of the agreement, or in the amount of consideration paid, whichever is greater.

22. Plaintiffs' claims may be governed by and/or limited in whole or in part by any award or interim measure entered by the tribunal in the pending international arbitration brought by Defendant The Renco Group, Inc. against the Republic of Perú under the U.S. – Perú Trade Promotion Agreement.

23. Plaintiffs' claims for punitive damages are barred, in whole or in part, by the laws of the Republic of Perú.

24. Plaintiffs' claims for compensatory damages are barred, in whole or in part, by the laws of the Republic of Perú.

25. Plaintiffs are third-party beneficiaries of certain agreements between the Republic of Perú and/or certain of its instrumentalities, on the one hand, and certain of the Defendants, on the other. Under the terms of said agreements, Plaintiffs are barred from asserting the liability claimed in their Petition, Defendant at all times denying such liability.

26. Plaintiffs' claims are barred or otherwise limited by the doctrine of sovereign immunity.

27. Plaintiffs' claims have been released by operation of certain agreements between the Republic of Perú and/or certain of its instrumentalities, on the one hand, and certain of Defendants on the other, by the operation of Mo. Rev. Stat. § 537.060 (Defendant at all times denying that Missouri law is applicable or controlling) and by other means.

28. Defendant hereby gives notice, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 44.1 that it intends to raise an issue about the law of the Republic of Peru, specifically that Plaintiffs' claims are governed by the substantive laws of the Republic of Perú.

29. Defendant adopts and incorporates herein any other affirmative defense asserted by any other defendant to this action.

30. Defendant specifically reserves the right to assert any avoidance or legal defense, affirmative or otherwise, to this action as may become apparent as discovery progresses and/or additional pleadings are filed.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Renco Holdings, Inc. requests that the Court deny the relief sought by Plaintiffs' in the Petition, that Plaintiffs take nothing, that the Court award Renco Holdings, Inc. its fees and costs of defending this action, and that the Court award Renco Holdings, Inc. all such other and further relief as is reasonable and appropriate.

Dated: January 14, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 14th day of January, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed with the Court using the CM/ECF system and service upon all participants in the case who are CM/ECF users will be accomplished by operation of that system.

/s/ Edward L. Dowd, Jr.